

## ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The following information is based on a detailed monthly collection of data in the Uniform Crime Reporting system regarding the problem of assaults on municipal, county and state law enforcement officers.

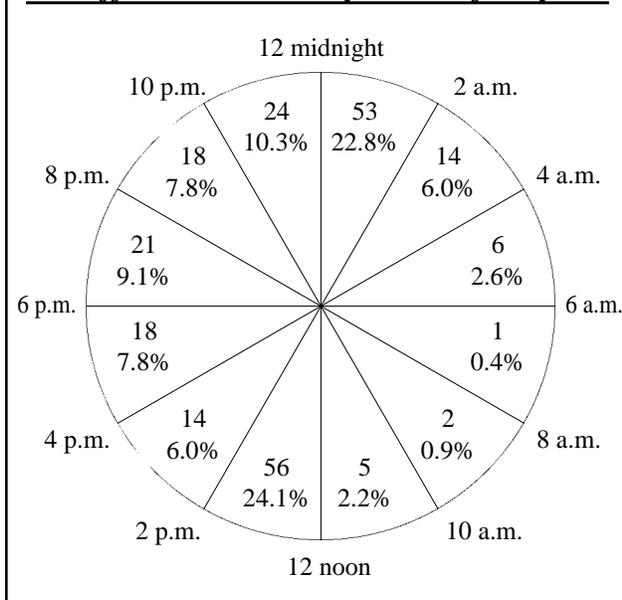
During 2000:

- There were 232 assaults on law enforcement officers, a 32.6% increase from the 1999 figure of 175.
- The ratio of assaults per 100 officers during 2000 was 10.5, compared to 8.1 assaults per 100 officers during 1999.
- The greatest number of officer assaults occurred while the officer was responding to disturbance calls — 119, or 51.3% of the total.
- Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were used in 93.1% or 216 of the assaults.
- Of the 232 assaults, 21.6% (50) resulted in personal injury to the officer, while 78.4% (182) produced no injury.
- 27.6% of assaults were aimed at officers who were alone (64), 72.4% were directed at assisted officers (168).
- The most common time period of assaults was 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. (40.9%), with 22.8% occurring from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Law enforcement cleared 92.2% (214) of all assaults on officers.
- Of the 232 reported assaults on officers, 21 were on sheriff's deputies, 1 was on a state police officer, and 210 were on municipal officers.

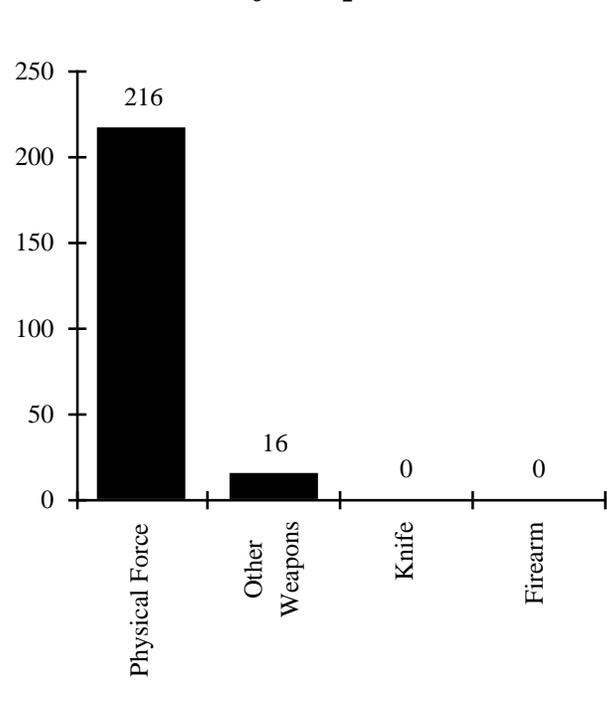
### Assaults on Officers by County

County	Assaults on Officers			2000 Rate Per 100 Officers
	1999	2000	% Change	
Androscoggin	9	11	22.2%	6.4
Aroostook	3	6	100.0%	6.8
Cumberland	67	59	-11.9%	12.0
Franklin	3	3	—	5.8
Hancock	2	1	-50.0%	1.8
Kennebec	28	50	78.6%	37.9
Knox	7	3	-57.1%	5.4
Lincoln	1	1	—	2.4
Oxford	3	17	466.7%	23.9
Penobscot	18	35	94.4%	17.4
Piscataquis	—	—	—	—
Sagadahoc	12	6	-50.0%	11.8
Somerset	3	2	-33.3%	4.2
Waldo	1	—	-100.0%	—
Washington	1	3	200.0%	7.3
York	17	35	105.9%	11.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	<b>10.5</b>

### Officer Assaults by Time of Day



### Officer Assaults by Type of Weapon



**Officer Assaults by Circumstances — 2000**

Type of Activity	Total Assaults (A)	Type of Weapon				Type of Assignment						Police Assault Cleared (M)	
		Firearm (B)	Knife or Other Cutting Instrument (C)	Other Dangerous Weapon (D)	Hands, Fists, Feet, etc. (E)	Two-Officer Vehicle (F)	One-Officer Vehicle		Detective or Spec. Assign.		Other		
							Alone (G)	Assisted (H)	Alone (I)	Assisted (J)	Alone (K)		Assisted (L)
1. Responding to disturbance calls	119	—	—	3	116	19	22	59	2	2	3	12	116
2. Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
3. Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects	6	—	—	2	4	—	2	2	—	—	1	1	4
4. Attempting other arrests	24	—	—	1	23	1	3	16	—	—	—	4	23
5. Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience)	13	—	—	3	10	2	5	2	—	—	—	4	7
6. Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners	23	—	—	2	21	—	7	6	—	—	—	10	23
7. Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances	5	—	—	1	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	4
8. Ambush — no warning	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
9. Mentally deranged	6	—	—	—	6	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	6
10. Traffic pursuits and stops	9	—	—	2	7	3	1	2	—	—	1	2	7
11. All other	24	—	—	2	22	2	6	9	1	1	—	5	22
<b>12. Totals (1–11)</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>214</b>
13. Number with personal injury	50	—	—	8	42								
14. Number without personal injury	182	—	—	8	174								
15. Time of assaults													
A.M.	53	14	6	1	2	5							
P.M.	56	14	18	21	18	24							
	12:01	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00						